

Their Reason for Keeping England at Arm's
 Length—A Short Sketch of Their
 History, Customs, Etc.

In 1835 the slavery agitation was started. To be a slave owner on Little Rock became a misdemeanor, the hoers who were largely slaveholders, were treated unreasonably, thus understanding the imperial government allowed them consultation money. A great many of the hoers indignantly declined to take any recompense but with muttered resentances packed off their belongings, a huge "Trek" ensued. These sturdy Dutchmen, with a couple of thousand wagons, herds, etc. etc., headed northward to found and settle up a new republic. The history of this great "Trek" reads like a romance, the hoers, the tribes, many of the who in use battle annihilated too of the white vanguard. Finally lead and

The years after came the gold discovery of the Rand that made the Johannesburg of the Rand the largest and most flourishing town in the world in the nineteenth century. With that came a great influx of immigration, including gold seekers from America, Australia and England, whose modern progressive good-sense ideas, fairly made the unimproved flatters all up and rattled their eyes. The Rand, however, the ways were demanded, that was preposterous, it would ruin the transport riders (freighters) who made up the largest proportion of the Afrikaner population of the Transvaal. Bridges were to be built at a useless expense—our fathers go along without them, why should we?—Laws were made to increase the burden of taxation laid upon the shoulders of the alien mining population;

all sit silent stare you out of countenance or make derogatory remarks in Dutch.

Swissers never suppress for misanthropy.

Finally, you are offered a cup of coffee, and by degeneration, blast starts the conversation by asking your name, occupation, age, destination, state of your finances, married or single, and other questions that would make the most callous census taker green with envy.

After a few minutes of this, the foreign brute, you get a momentary respite. "Ach-weck," because the waylander newcomer's pecks him in the rear.

Whilst on the coffee subject I highly enjoyed a flatter notice by refusing to participate. I caught the hint in the very act of wiping my cup, preparatory to filling it, with a hospice air. Just before

SEED ENDS IN POTATO CULTURE.

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MEDICAL MONTH OF WHITE POTATO.

that the sprouts here will be thinner and extended, and therefore weak, and thus the result of such planting will be a large loss of small tubers. But, also for theory, and fortunately for the practical but unscientific grower, writes T. Gifford to Country Gentleman, having his mind supplied provisions to guard against all results of planting seed tubers, whether alone or with the entire potato. The sprouts here do not all develop; by any means. Usually there is one sprout in advance of all others, and this will not only be the earliest but also the strongest of all the potato will ever de-

time as like the illustrated specimen, a
 can egg looks like another. Sometimes

from a general weakening of the nervous system, in consequence of loss of the stim-

Willing.

Mistress (to each)—Your name, Mary, sold my daughter's being the same makes matters somewhat confusing. Now, *Low* is your like, say, the house of Bridget?—*Yes*, Madam.—*And* the one she has the parrot?—I'm willing to sell the young boy anything you like.—London To His.

The former English politician, Arthur Blunt, has retired down to horse breeding. His special hobby is the Arab horse, which he will breed particularly for the British sport of fox hunting. No Arab horse was ever a great race winner, though all the names have Arabian blood in them.

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